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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: KOREA

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1. EMBOFF PASSED TEXT CAR DRAFT AMENDMENT TO POLITICAL
DECLARATION (REF A) TO MOFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
BUREAU DIRECTOR CHUNG U-YONG AUGUST 16 AND CHUNG VOLUNTEERED
THAT TEXT WAS IDENTICAL TO THAT WHICH ROKG HAD GIVEN TO CAR
FONMIN FRANCK AND UN PERMREP BANDIO DURING THEIR VISIT TO
SEOUL. CHUNG ADDED THAT ROKG HAD SUPPLIED SAME LANGUAGE TO
"ABOUT TEN" OTHER FRIENDLY NAC NATIONS IN RESPONSE TO
NUMEROUS AND PERSISTENT REQUESTS IN VARIOUS CAPITALS FOR
SOME LANGUAGE WHICH COULD BE USED TO COUNTER EXPECTED NORTH
KOREAN DRAFT TEXTS AND AMENDMENTS. AMONG THOSE NATIONS
WHICH RECEIVED TEXTS WERE INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, MOROCCO,
SIERRA LEONE, AND ZAIRE. IN EACH INSTANCE, EXCEPT CASE OF
CAR, TEXTS WERE PASSED IN CAPITALS OF NATIONS INVOLVED AND
ROK AMBASSADOR WAS UNDER STRICT AND EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS TO
DISCLAIM ANY OFFICIAL ROKG AUTHORSHIP OR APPROVAL OF LANGUAGE,
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BUT RATHER TO PRESENT IT AS HIS OWN PERSONAL AND UNOFFICIAL

PROPOSAL. CHUNG DODGED QUESTION OF HOW THIS PROBLEM WAS HANDLED IN SEOUL WITH CAR FONMIN. EMBOFF EXPLAINED POSITION OF U.S. BASED ON REF. B.

2. CHUNG CONFIDED TO EMBOFF THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING SENDING TEXT FOR SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE TO NORTH KOREAN DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF C) TO BE SUPPLIED TO SELECTED NAC DELEGATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED AS THEIR OWN WITH SAME CAREFUL DISCLAIMERS AS WERE APPLIED TO ROKG SUGGESTED SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE FOR POLITICAL DECLARATION.

3. CHUNG WAS MORE CAUTIOUS IN THIS MEETING THAN IN ONE REPORTED REF D. HE EXPRESSED SOME SATISFACTION AT FAILURE OF KIM IL-SUNG TO SHOW UP AT COLOMBO, AFTER REPORTEDLY KEEPING PM BANDERANIKE WAITING FOR HIS ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT, ABOUT AN HOUR'S DRIVE FROM THE CAPITAL. HE ALSO NOTED THAT NORTH KOREA HAS TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO GET A SEAT ON THE NACC AND WAS APPARENTLY EVEN NOW ENGAGED IN AN EFFORT TO OUST THE VIETNAMESE FROM THE SEAT THEY HAD BEEN NOMINATED FOR, FOLLOWING AN UNSUCCESSFUL NORTH KOREAN ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE NACC FURTHER EXPANDED BY ONE SEAT TO ACCOMODATE NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP. CHUNG POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAD PROPOSED THAT THE NEXT NON-ALIGNED ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING BE HELD IN PYONGYANG. HE SPECULATED THAT THE ONLY ADVANTAGE OF SUCH A MEETING IN PYONGYANG WOULD BE IF THE COMMITTEE INTENDED TO FOCUS ON THE ELEMENTS OF ECONOMIC BANKRUPTCY. NONETHELESS HE WAS CONCERNED AT PROSPECT OF EXPOSURE OF SO MANY NON-ALIGNED REPS TO FURTHER BARRAGE OF NORTH KOREAN BLANDISHMENTS IN PYONGYANG.

4. COMMENT: IN EMBASSY VIEW CHUNG HAS PROBABLY ALREADY DECIDED TO SEND SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE FOR DRAFT RESOLUTION TO ROK TRADE OFFICE IN COLOMBO AND IS USING THIS MEANS OF MAKING US AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COMMENT ON CHUNG'S INITIATIVE, SPEED IS PROBABLY ESSENTIAL. STERN

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